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Aesop Was a Piker Compared With Old Uncle.

UP TO DATE MORALS FOR ALL.

Elephant's Favor the Hare's Undoing. Melancholy Fate of the Unsatisfied Turtle—The Peasant's Blunders—Ice-man Haled to Court Puzzles the Judge.

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ONE day a Hare, who was being pursued by a Fox, came upon the Elephant and paused to exclaim:

"Alas, if you do not extend your aid I shall be caught and devoured!" "So Reynard is after you, eh?" queried the Elephant. "Well, no one shall appeal to me in vain. As the Fox cannot climb trees, you will be eminently safe on a limb. Up you go."

With his trunk the Elephant carefully picked up the Hare and as carefully placed her on a bough twenty feet above his back, then started away with the feeling that he had done a good action and would some day be rewarded for it. As for the Hare, she called out that, having no claws to cling with, she must soon fall to the ground, but she was unheard, and down she fell just in time to be snapped up by the arriving Fox.

Moral.—In seeking to aid us our friends often prove our undoing.

Sage, Lobster and Turtle.

As the Sage was taking his daily walk on the seashore a Lobster came out of the water and complainingly said:

"O Sage, I am wretched and cast down and was thinking of suicide as you have in sight."

"Is it Wall street?" asked the sage.

"Far worse, O wise man."

"Case of love, or hast thy wife eloped?"

"O Sage, it is that I am a Lobster! Behold me! See what an ungrainly



FATE OF AN UNSATISFIED LOBSTER.

body! Notice my claws! People look at me and shrink aside and then exclaim in admiration at the sea Gull. You will say that nothing can take the place of broiled lobster and lobster salad, but remember to furnish them I must be boiled alive."

"And wouldst thou be a Gull?"

"If it can be so it would delight me."

"Well, you can try it for awhile. Away you go."

As a Gull the Lobster found that he had even more enemies than before, and after a hunter had shot away his tailfeathers he asked that he might become a Turtle. The Sage winked at himself and ordered the change, but only a few hours had passed when the Turtle desired to be changed into a Shark. Being pursued by man and having only just escaped with his life, he begged to become a Whale.

"Anything to accommodate," answered the Sage, and the thing was done, but in plowing his way along the shore the big fish grounded and became the prey of some fishermen.

Moral.—The question is, Isn't a contented lobster better off than a dead something else?

The Peasant and the Robber.

The Peasant was awakened at night by his wife, who told him that she heard the footsteps of an intruder. The man at once arose and opened the door and called a welcome.

"Thou hast money in the house?" cried the prowler.

"I have."

"Give it to me at once or I will take it by force!"

"Thou needst not exert thyself. Here is the coin—the only one I possess. Take it and fare thee well. I wish it were for twice the amount."

The prowler pocketed the coin and disappeared into the night, and next moment the Peasant's wife cried out:

"Moses Jones, you are the greatest fool in America!"

"Oh, I dunno," he replied.

"But I do. You invite a robber to come into the house and despoil us. Whoever heard of the like?"

"Pence, woman! I had but a single coin, and it was a counterfeit!"

"Then you were a fool for getting stuck with it!"

"Peace again! I found it on the highway."

"Then you were a fool for the third time for not trying to pass it. It might have bought me a pair of stockings."

"Once more, peace! There are other

footsteps. It is an officer of the law coming to arrest me for having counterfeited money in my possession. I have none. He must be convinced of my innocence."

"But the coin could have been tossed

out of the window," protested the faultfinding wife. "For the fourth time thou hast made a fool of thyself!" "And for the fourth time I say peace. Knowest not that our despoiler was Sam Andrews, our neighbor, with false whiskers on his chin. Ere this he has hidden the whiskers and could prove an alibi, but the coin is still in his pocket, and the officer will find it there. Neighbor Andrews is ever ready to lend his plow, but the double charge that will be against him will rid us of a good neighbor and a bad man."

Moral.—A man may be four times a fool and still be wiser than a sage in some things.

The Peasant and the Tree.

In going to and from market the Peasant passed a tree which was not only a thing of beauty, but in season it was always loaded with delicious fruit. So much was he interested that he finally went to the Nurseryman and bought one and set it out on his own land. When two or three years had passed a Wayfarer who came that way saw the Peasant cutting the tree down and exclaiming in indignation against the dishonesty of mankind.

"What hast made thee angry, and why hast cut down such a valuable tree?" was asked.

"I went to the Nurseryman to buy a crabapple tree, and he assured me on his honor that this was one. I have cared for it for several years only to find out that he swindled me."



"Why, man, it is a Bartlett pear tree!"

"And what of that?"

"Its fruit is ten times as valuable as the crabapple. Instead of his swindling you, he was the loser by much. As it is now, you have neither crabapples nor pears, and neither can you make a shade tree of that you have cut down."

Moral.—It was the mule who kicked the blacksmith that fell on the icy road going home and broke a leg.

The Iceman and the Judge.

A Citizen who was being supplied with twenty-five pounds of ice per day for a stated sum, but who found the weight short every day, had the delinquent brought into court and there stated his case. Not at all abashed, the Iceman pleaded that it was all the fault of the sun. He started to bring in twenty-five pounds of ice all right, and if the sun melted five pounds in transit the loss could not be justly charged to him. The summer sun was something beyond his control.

"It does seem as if your excuse had reason behind it," replied the Judge, "but still it leaves the plaintiff paying for what he does not get. It is so many pounds of ice for so much money. If the sun melts your ice it is no more than right that it also shrivel up the money he is to pay."

"But, O Judge, how can money grow less because of the sun?" protested the defendant.

"That's so—that's so."

"And, O Judge," put in the plaintiff, "how could his ice melt if he delivered it only after the sun had set?"

Moral.—That and similar cases have arisen that the world may not be barren of food for philosophical thought.

His Last Chance.

Priscilla had just told John Alden to speak for himself.

"I shall do it for you after we are married," she added.

Herewith he hastened to seize the last chance.—New York Sun.

Hereditary Talent.

From the postoffice steps Freeman Davis watched Professor Lane cross the road and enter the wheelwright's shop on the opposite side.

"Goes in an' out free as you or me," Mr. Davis remarked to Jabez Sewall, "an' nobody knows how many letters he's entitled to write after his name."

Jabez nodded. "But what I can't just make out is how he come by all his smartness. Far's I know none of his forebears ever amounted to much in a literary way."

"What you talkin' about?" Mr. Davis demanded warily. "You know the well's I do that his father could spell Nebuchadnezzar quicker'n any other boy in school."—Youth's Companion.

Skeptical.

Lady (to her gardener)—John, I wonder you don't get married. You've got a fine house and a good wage. All you need is a wife. You know the first gardeners that ever lived had a wife?

John—Yes'm, but he didn't keep his job long after he got her.—Tit-Bits.

President Taft snapped while making a visit of inspection at Ellis Island, recently. Below he can be seen conversing with Commissioner of Immigration Williams.



OFFICIAL REPORT OF

The State On Wheat, Corn, Alfalfa, Potatoes, Hogs And Other Products.

By United Press Wire.

The following report is computed from returns received from the official correspondents of the department:

Wheat—Area sown last fall returned by township assessors, 1,954,895 acres; sown this fall compared with last year, 101 per cent.; estimated area seeded for harvest of 1910, 2,014,189 acres; condition compared with an average, 102 per cent.; average date of seeding, September 28.

Alfalfa—Area in 1909 returned by township assessors, 21,794 acres; area compared with last year, 102 per cent.; estimated area in 1910, 22,136 acres; total tons produced per acre from all cuttings, 31 total estimated product for 1910, 68,519 tons; number of cuttings this year, 2.

Rye—Area sown last fall returned by township assessors, 64,336 acres; sown this fall compared with last year, 95 per cent.; estimated area seeded for the harvest of 1911, 61,337 acres; condition compared with an average, 98 per cent.

Corn—Prospect compared with an average, 84 per cent.

Buckwheat—Prospect compared with an average, 73 per cent.

Clover Seed—Prospect compared with an average, 61 per cent.

Potatoes—Area planted returned by township assessors, 143,431 acres; average product per acre, 85 bushels; total estimated product for 1910, 12,290,376 bushels; affected by rot, 3 per cent.

Hogs—Condition compared with an average, 97 per cent.; number to be fattened compared with 1909, 84 per cent.

The estimated area seeded to wheat for the 1911 harvest shows but a small

increase over the 1910 area, as reported by the township assessors. A wide discrepancy, however, existed between the 1910 acreage as estimated by the correspondents and the actual area as reported by the assessors, hence the present estimate shows a substantial increase in comparison with the area reported on the corresponding date one year ago. The growing condition of the plant is excellent, being estimated at 102 per cent. compared with an average. Weather conditions have been most favorable to its growth. Reports of fly in early sown wheat quite general over the state, but no serious damage. The average date of seeding was September 28.

Alfalfa statistics show that this crop is now grown in every county in the state. It is estimated that the total production this year was 68,519 tons. The estimated area seeded to rye for the 1911 harvest is estimated at 61,337 acres. This is a decline of approximately 3,000 acres, in comparison with the 1910 area. Its growing condition is estimated at 98 per cent. compared with an average.

Corn prospect shows an improvement of three per cent. over last month's report, being now estimated at 84 per cent. compared with a normal yield. These figures are based upon 35 bushels per acre as normal represented by 100 per cent. From present prospect the harvest should produce 90,384,185 bushels. The crop has been damaged by excessive rainfall, and many correspondents note that it is molding in shock.

The area planted to potatoes, as reported by township assessors was 143,431 acres, and from this have been produced 12,290,376 bushels, an average production of 85 bushels per acre. This is a decline of nine bushels per acre, in comparison with last year's average, and a shortage of 170,639 bushels in total production in comparison with that crop.

Condition of hogs is estimated at 97 per cent. compared with an average. Many farmers are rushing their stock to market for fear of hog cholera.

TRYOUT GIVEN A WOMAN'S AEROPLANE

By United Press Wire.

New York, Nov. 8.—The first aeroplane built by a woman—or, at least the first woman-built aeroplane that ever actually flew—has been given a successful try-out at the Garden City aviation field.

The machine, which is the invention of Miss Lillian E. Todd, of this city, is the result of four years of experiment and work. While it is a biplane her central idea was to make it to conform more closely to do any of the other successful biplanes to the wing curvature of birds. The machine, on its first trial yesterday, under the guidance of Aviator Mason, rose to a height of twenty five feet and made a complete circuit of the field. It was then brought down for minor changes which the flight demonstrated would increase its flying qualities.

Reduction in Freight Rates Ordered. Washington, Nov. 8.—An order was issued by the Interstate Commerce commission reducing the freight rate on hickory spokes from Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Cincinnati from twenty-seven to seventeen cents a hundred pounds and from Chattanooga to Cincinnati from twenty-three to thirteen cents a hundred pounds. The order will take effect in December.

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J. L. Pine, Mrs. Caddie Reamer, Emma Robinson, Anna Skelly, Mrs. Nina Wills, Mrs. H. A. Walters. Foreign—Antonio Norkale, Giovanni Gallo, Saupaulo Stouane, Ole Cindro, Cole Candarera, Putichino Di Giustino, Cosenza Miviva, Ansonio Vincenzo.

M. B. Dickerson, P. M.

Unclaimed Letters

Men—A. G. Corwin, E. M. Cole, E. Clode, J. W. Chew, Dr. Camron, Billy Daum, Charley Felter, Henry Greenwell, Earl Hartley, Fred B. Jones, Wm. J. Kelly, F. D. Kemp, L. A. Kline, Bert Mounts, Ed Mitchell, A. McNeom, H. G. McCauley, Robert L. Nelson, Geo. Reichardt, J. C. Rice, Wm. H. Rike M. D., Frank Roppold, Wiley W. Russey, Sidney Swick, Kerstin Stomoff, Charles Wills.

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